

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, amend the last paragraph as follows:

One of the oldest ~~form~~ forms of footwear is a simple sandal with a thong or strap which extends from the top (dorsum) to the bottom (plantar) aspect of the foot which ~~aet~~ acts as a tether. The normal linear acceleration in space as one goes through the gait cycle, produces frictional forces and force vectors that result in compression of the first web space or interspace. The constant repetitive trauma results in compression and friction that is painful, irritative, and finally erosion. The simple thong type sandal has in recent years become one of the most common and fashionable types of footwear on the market.

Page 3, amend the first full paragraph as follows:

¶ In April, 1956, US patent 2,740,207, issued and disclosed certain medicated shoes having a vamp with a completely open toe section and an inner sole for the treatment of athletes foot. It is indicated at column 1, lines 20 et seq. that the invention is concerned with irritation around the toes and the skin between and under the toes. The medicated shoe or slipper is comprised of a plurality of soft yielding partitioning strips, substantially narrower than the length of toe space in the slipper and is secured to one end of the inner sole and at the other end to the inside of the vamp in the region of the junction of the toe and foot. The stripes have medication for treatment of the foot.

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Page 6, amend the third full paragraph as follows:

The device of the present invention can be fabricated from a wide variety of materials, the only requirement being that the material be flexible, inert to the skin, and possess the ability to adhere to the skin without the need for adhesives of any kind. ~~In particular, it has been~~ As indicated above, the material employed in the device of the present invention ~~are~~ is flexible, and in sheet form as well as being inert to the skin. Hence, the material should be selected from among those which themselves which will not irritate the body.